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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires the Department to operate a one–year pilot program during the 2016–17 school year; under the pilot program three school districts must maintain records of crimes and other incidents, such as bullying and violations of local ordinances, that occur on school district property, on transportation provided by the school district, or at a school district sanctioned event. Participation by school districts will be voluntary. The Department is authorized to spend up to \$25,000 from its 20.255(1)(a)General Program Operations appropriation to develop and implement the pilot program, including providing grants to school districts participating in the pilot program.

Under the bill, a school district participating in the pilot program must report its aggregate data on crimes and other incidents to DPI twice: once halfway through the school year and once at the end of the school year. After receiving the participating school districts' reports, DPI is required to report to the legislature aggregate data derived from the reports submitted by the participating school districts.

Finally, the bill requires a participating school district to omit or redact any personally identifiable information before releasing any records it maintains under the pilot program and prohibits a participating school district from including the identity of any individual involved in a crime or other incident in a report submitted to DPI under the pilot program.

Local

It is anticipated that the participating schools districts will incur additional costs to collect, maintain, and report all crimes and other incidents taking place in schools or on school property during both regular and non-school hours. Participating school districts may also incur some related training costs.

Estimating costs is difficult since costs will likely vary across the 3 pilot school districts as participating pilot districts may have significant differences in pupil populations impacting the overall amount of reportable data. It is also unknown how much of reportable crime data under this bill would be collected by local law enforcement versus schools, particularly off site or during non-school hours. Thereby, differences in the pilot schools' ability to coordinate crime data collection efforts with their local law enforcement agencies might impact costs to some degree.

For those reasons, the costs are indeterminate.

State: Indeterminate

The Department would need to commit staff resources to operate this one-year pilot program in order to establish an application procedures, collect data submitted by participating school districts reports. The Department would also incur costs to create and submit 2 required reports to the legislature containing aggregate data compiled from the participating schools.

This bill does not provide additional funding to implement this pilot program. The legislation does allow the Department to expend up to \$25,000 from its 20.255(1)(a) general program operations appropriation to develop and implement the pilot program, including providing grants to participating school districts.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications